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SUBJECT: MINTOFF TRIP TO ROME, CAIRO AND TRIPOLI

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

REF: VALLETTA 0974

1. VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT MINTOFF TRANSITED ROME MAY 15 REPEAT MAY 15 BOUND FOR CAIRO, TRIPOLI, MALTA. SOURCE MET MINTOFF AT AIRPORT, SPENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE- HOUR AND A HALF BETWEEN PLANES BEFORE MINTOFF' S DEPARTURE. MINTOFF REMAINED AT AIRPORT BETWEEN PLANES.

2. SOURCE NOTED THAT, UNLIKE RECENT MINTOFF VISIT ROME DURING TOUR OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS, HE COULD THIS TIME GIVE ME A DIRECT

ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION. (SOURCE WAS REFERRING TO FACT THAT WORKING

LEVELS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER HAVE NOT YET HAD

FULL BRIEFING ON EARLIER MINTOFF VISIT, AT WHICH TIME TALKS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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BETWEEN ANDREOTTI, MEDICI AND MINTOFF, WITH NO OTHERS PRESENT).
SOURCE SAID MINTOFF CONTINUES TO BE VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH
MID- EAST CRISIS AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND WAY TO PLAY A ROLE.
MINTOFF APPARENTLY DID NOT DISCUSS, HOWEVER, THE PRECISE PURPOSE
OF HIS VISIT TO CAIRO AND TRIPOLI.

3. IN ANSWER TO EMBASSY OFFICER' S DIRECT QUESTION AS TO
WHETHER MINTOFF CARRIED ANY BRIEF FOR THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY,
SOURCE CATEGORICALLY AND EMPHATICALLY REPLIED " ABSOLUTELY NOT".
BRIEF STOP IN ROME WAS PURELY FOR TRANSIT PURPOSES, AND
CONVERSATION
WITH SOURCE WAS IN GENERAL TERMS. SOURCE REMARKED THAT MINTOFF
WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS, DISPLAYING FOR THE OCCASION THE " EASY MOOD OF
THE GREAT STATESMAN". VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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